

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

*Please replace the paragraph on page 6 at lines 25-31 to page 7 at lines 1-2 with the following replacement paragraph:*

Color-controllable lights 102 are coupled to and along the plurality of wires 106 of the decorative light strand. In particular, color-controllable lights 102 are coupled to output lines (i.e. data output lines) from logic/control circuitry 204 so that they may be selectively colored based on the position of switch 112 (FIG. 1). Color-controllable lights 102 L1, L2, L3, and L4 may be physically spaced apart along wires 106 anywhere between about 1 – 13 centimeters, for example. Note that a male connecting plug 130 of FIG. 1 is attached at the front end of wires 106 and mates with a female connecting socket provided on housing 105. With the configuration provided in FIG. 1, decorating selector 104 and colored lights 102 may be separate and independent devices and sold separately from one another.

*Please replace the paragraph on page 12 at lines 17-31 with the following replacement paragraph:*

FIG. 7 is a different configuration where an alternative switch 702 is utilized for the decorating selector 104 of FIG. 1 for selecting colors in the lights. In this embodiment, switch 702 is actually a dip switch which provides for the selection of specific colors to be turned on/off. A housing 710 carries the dip switch, which is coupled to logic/control circuitry 720. Logic/control circuitry 720 includes memory and is contained within housing 710. A color-controllable LED node strand 708 is coupled to logic/control circuitry 720 and may be directly connected to housing 710. An exposed switch portion 706 on housing 710 reveals settable color-control switches which include red, yellow, white, green, blue, and orange; however additional color switches associated with different colors may be provided. Color indicators are provided on a surface of

housing 710. In an alternative embodiment, switch 702 is provided in a housing separate from housing 710 but has a cable which is directly attached to it. The decorative lighting apparatus in this embodiment generally has a similar structure and functionality as that described in relation to FIGs. 1-6, where decorative outcomes similar to those described may be achieved utilizing a dip switch technique such that the end-user has complete control over each color.